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1. [ ] Roy Bullock, Staff Administrator, House Foreign Affairs Committee, called to pass on to us a message regarding Representative Lee Hamilton's (D., Ind.) request for an Agency briefing of his Subcommittee on Near East next Tuesday, 21 September. Chairman Morgan has talked with Mr. Hamilton about this and suggested that we get together with Mr. Hamilton to see if we couldn't work out some arrangement to give him an informal briefing (with no shorthand reporter present) on the subject. If this is not feasible we should tell Mr. Hamilton. In any event the 21 September briefing is off. Bullock asked if we would let him know the outcome of our conversation with Mr. Hamilton.

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2. [ ] Met with Senator Henry M. Jackson and briefed him on recent developments regarding the Soviet ICBM and ABM programs, particularly emphasizing the security sensitivity of this information. In response to the Senator's questions about other Soviet military developments, I mentioned their continued progress in high performance aircraft and submarine construction.

In response to his questions about Senator Stennis' letter to the President, I recalled for Senator Jackson the background of this problem and the Agency's position. Without specifically saying so, he left the impression that he shared Senator Stennis' concern over the consequences of our continued involvement in the Laos operation.

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3. [ ] Talked briefly with Representative William Moorhead (D., Pa.), in a chance meeting. He told me his trip to the Soviet Union was relatively uneventful.

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25X1 4. [ ] Lunched with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, with whom I discussed among other things how we should go about briefing Representative Lucien Nedzi, of the new Intelligence Subcommittee. Blandford suggested that we start out by making clear to him what CIA is not--not a policy agency, not concerned with internal security, not free to undertake covert action on its own initiative. He suggested we then emphasize the importance of security and clearly imply that we look to Mr. Nedzi to protect us, explaining how security leaks can assist the enemy and how much damage can be done by the unintentional indiscretions of thoughtless individuals, including members of Congress. Blandford said Nedzi will undoubtedly be under pressure from his colleagues to share with them the information he picks up in his new role and we will have to provide him with information to fend them off. If we are successful, said Blandford, Nedzi will be a valuable ally.

25X1 5. [ ] At the request of Senator Milton Young, I met with him and Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and gave them a roundup briefing on major developments since my last meeting with Senator Young in early August. Subjects included: the Soviet ICBM and ABM programs; new Soviet high performance aircraft; Soviet submarine construction; Soviet overhead reconnaissance; military and political developments in Vietnam; military situation in Laos; India/Pakistan; and the Middle East.

I told Senator Young that the question of the Agency's role in Laos had been getting high level attention and it looked like we would have to make some drastic changes in the Agency's future role. Senator Young agreed this was necessary if we were to avoid putting in jeopardy special authorities we now have.

25X1A I told Senator Young we were having serious difficulties placing [ ]  
25X1A [ ] whom he recommended for employment, both because of our  
25X1A general personnel situation and because [ ] assessment didn't  
25X1A look good for the only kind of work we might have for him. I asked Senator  
25X1A Young if he knew much about [ ] and he said he did not know him well  
personally but did know that he was terribly anxious to join the Agency and he  
hoped we could use him. I told him I would pursue the matter further and  
advise him.

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